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Mr. Carey Winston, President  
Washington Real Estate Board, Inc.  
312 Wire Building  
1000 Vermont Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Winston:

As you know, we have been considering the selection of a site for the proposed Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building for more than a year. Several properties in the District of Columbia were reviewed among the more than 30 possible locations we have studied, and which were included in the report of the private firm of landscape architects and consulting engineers we engaged to assist us in this matter.

Recently, we received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia. Inasmuch as you have expressed an interest in the location of the building, we would like you to know that we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of the Langley property.

We realize that this decision is adverse to the interest you have expressed in this matter, but I am sure you will recognize the impossibility of obtaining unanimous agreement with regard to any site selected for an installation of this size. It is possible, of course, to select only one location, and we sincerely believe that the property at Langley provides the site best suited to our needs.

We appreciate your interest, and I should like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity you have provided us to consider your views and your offer to be of assistance to us in the event we had selected a site in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

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